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Application No.: 09/993,097

Filed: November 6, 2001

For: ELECTRONIC APPARATUS HAVING HUB  
FUNCTION

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: Examiner: T. Peyton  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination, a request for a three-month extension of time, and a copy of the Amendment filed on May 12, 2004.

Applicants note that Examiner Peyton has indicated that she did not receive a copy of the May 12, 2004 Amendment. Applicants' review of the Patent Application Information Retrieval ("PAIR") system on the USPTO website would also seem to confirm the Examiner's statements. Nonetheless, the enclosed Monthly Statement of Deposit Account for Applicants' attorneys indicates that fees were withdrawn in connection with the

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May 12, 2004 Amendment. Additionally, the enclosed copy of the postcard received from the USPTO reflects that the Amendment was indeed filed on May 12, 2004, and received by the USPTO. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner consider the Amendment as filed on May 12, 2004.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this Request for Continued Examination, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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